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DISTRICT PLACES IN DEMAND

Many Candidates For the Two Chairs.

CAUCUSES WILL BE HELD TODAY

Fifth Produces a Long List of Aspirants—Would-be Territorial Committeemen in Line.

WHEN the new district committees meet on Friday morning for the purpose of organization, there promises to be a lively time, for there are as many candidates in the field in each district as there were at the primaries. There has not as yet been any caucus in either district but these will be held today, and upon the results will depend the officials for the next campaign.

There is much more activity in the Fifth District than in the Fourth and candidates for the office of chairman of the committee are thick as bees. While there is a general feeling that the chairman should be, must be even, a man from the city precincts some of the members of the committee are anxious to have W. W. Goodale take this place. The name of John C. Lane is most prominently mentioned by the members of the faction which has been backing him, but this virtual defeat at the primaries, when without any fight at all he failed to secure the full vote of the precinct, will it is feared operate against him.

From the seventh come two candidates in the persons of William Henry and W. L. Wilcox, both of whom had the top vote at the primaries. The ninth precinct may put up a man in George C. Potter or George Harris. All of the men named have followers and there promises to be a lively discussion before organization is effected. Charles H. Clark is mentioned for the Vice Chairmanship so far without any opposition. The other places have not been discussed to any great extent.

Already there is some talk over the question of members of the Territorial Central Committee from the district, and the men who will be put forward before the convention will be many, and at the same time representative of both of the wings of the party. James L. Holt will have the support of a large portion of the delegates from city precincts, and some outside strength is being developed by him. He is looked upon as the man who will represent McCants Stewart in the committee. Dr. George H. Huddy is also a candidate for return to the committee from the Seventh Precinct. There are however among the residents of the district many men who would be acceptable members of the committee, there being among other names mentioned those of Frank Pahia, Curtis P. Iauka, George F. Renton, L. L. McCandless, Judge Wilcox, William Olepau, Judge Kaulokou, George C. Potter and George R. Carter.

The Fourth District men are slower to get together but their caucus will be none the less effective. There are not so many candidates for the District Chairmanship. Clarence Crabbe has dropped out of the committee and this makes it impossible to secure his services again. There will be before the meeting a long list something like the following: C. B. Wilson, J. W. Jones, F. W. Macfarlane, G. B. McClellan, W. C. King, N. E. Gedge, E. A. R. Ross, F. M. Brooks, Sam Johnson and R. N. Boyd. From the discussions of yesterday there seems to be every reason to believe there will be a selection of the Territorial committeemen from among the same men.

The call for the meetings of the district committees provides for their organization on Friday morning at 11 o'clock. There is some feeling that this will be difficult of accomplishment, owing to the mail coming in, and it was the sentiment on some sides yesterday that there would be an effort to secure an adjournment until evening. The Fourth District committee which consists of 55 members, will meet at Waverley Hall, Bethel and Hotel streets, and the Fifth District meeting, which has only 37 men, will be held at Republican headquarters.

PRIMARIES ON MAUI.

Delegates and Committeemen Chosen at the Primaries.

Out of town delegates and committeemen are being reported to the cen-

SCHOONER'S MASTER BUTCHERED IN COLD BLOOD BY HIS CABIN BOY

The Fred J. Wood Makes Port With Captain Jacobson's Mutilated Body.

Startling Tragedy On Route Between Portland and China—Sorrowing Widow and Little Ones on Board.

tral body. The first returns to arrive come from Maui. From some districts there is no report but the majority have been chosen and their names are known. There is missing from the delegates to the Territorial Convention the name of H. P. Baldwin, but this is owing to the fact that he would not take an election.

Reports coming to the city are that the meeting of the district committee in Walluku is expected to result in the choice of William Pogue for chairman of the district committee. He has already made a tour of the east Maui district, for the purpose of keeping in touch with the Republican voters and there is every reason to believe that he will be chosen for the work of making the fight for the election this fall. The precincts of the Third District, comprising Maui, Lanai and Molokai, reporting their delegates, are as follows:

Precinct 2—Pukoo, Territorial Convention, J. Haiku Mahoe; District Committee, D. H. Kahalelele.

Precinct 5—Honokohau, Territorial Convention, R. C. Searle; District Committee, R. C. Searle.

Precinct 6—Walluku, Territorial Convention, A. N. Kepolai, Jas. N. K. Keola; District Committee, J. K. Kanaa, J. P. Sylva, S. E. Kalekau, J. K. Kahokele.

Precinct 7—Kahului, Territorial Convention, T. M. Churn; District Committee, H. P. Baldwin, Robt. English.

Precinct 8—Honouliuli, Territorial Convention, J. H. Raymond; District Committee, J. H. Raymond.

Precinct 9—Makawao, Territorial Convention, Edgar Morton; District Committee, Edgar Morton, Geo. Copp.

Precinct 10—Hamakua, Territorial Convention, H. A. Baldwin, J. O. Kalino; District Committee, D. C. Lindsay, W. O. Aiken, Joaquin Vicent, S. T. Kalapa, Jno. Kalino, Jno. Kaluna.

Precinct 11—Kipahulu, Territorial Convention, Lul Palapimu; District Committee, J. P. Inaina.

Precinct 12—Hana, Territorial Convention, W. P. Haia; District Committee, J. K. Iosapa, Geo. Cooper, Hugh Howell.

Precinct 13—Keanae, Territorial Convention, W. F. Pogue; District Committee, W. F. Pogue.

There was no election at Lahaina according to the opinion of many, though a meeting was held and delegates chosen. This will cause a protest from Committeemen McCann, to both the Territorial and District Committees.

Returns from Kau are that the 6th Precinct, 1st District chose J. Kaubane, Territorial Convention delegate and J. L. K. Kawaha, W. H. Lainaoho and M. Moolau to the District Committee.

FOR CHAIRMAN OF CONVENTION

Who will be chairman of the Republican Territorial Convention is a question which is agitating the minds of some of the leaders, but the answer is still in the air. To some of the leaders there is another side to the same query—from which island shall the chairman come, and on that subject, there are perhaps as many sides.

Chairman A. G. M. Robertson of the Territorial committee believes that the best thing to do is to choose a chairman from one of the outside districts. He is not yet informed as to the delegates who will come from Hawaii. He believes there will be no trouble in finding a man from the outside who will serve with ability. Judge Kepolai of Maui, Mr. Robertson said, would be an available man, and one on whom everybody might well unite.

Senator George R. Carter has been mentioned as making a fight for the place. He said last evening that he was not in the field as a candidate and if his friends were doing anything they were doing it without his knowledge. He had not looked into the matter sufficiently to enable him to give an opinion as to what course should be pursued.

Chairman Robertson said he was not a candidate for the office of chairman of the convention, and that he would not make a fight for the place. Several names have been mentioned in this connection, but no one is believed to be out making a hard canvass.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

Liquor Licenses and Road Matters Considered Yesterday.

The Executive Council met yesterday in postponed session, considering principally liquor licenses and matters of minor importance.

Ah Kan Chuck was granted a renewal of his license at Kapaa, Kauai. Dun Yot of Hanapepe, Kauai was granted a light wine and beer license. The license of H. C. Vida in Honolulu was renewed.

The application of the Hawaiian Agricultural Co. for permission to increase the capital stock from \$1,000,000 to \$1,500,000 was granted.

The report of the road board at Koloaupo, Oahu for the extension of the road through Waihole was adopted, and the work ordered done.

EARLY yesterday afternoon the four-masted American schooner Fred J. Wood, bound from Portland to China with a cargo of lumber, anchored off the harbor. She bore signals of distress and the people on board of her told a blood-curdling story of a horror on the high sea. A weeping woman sat in the vessel's cabin with a five months' old baby in her arms and with a twenty-one months' old girl child playing about her knees and crying for "papa." "Papa," Captain J. J. Jacobson, the master of the vessel, lay dead and mutilated, wrapped in a canvas shroud on the lumber in the fore portion of the vessel. When the police boarded the ship a Japanese cook was found locked in a cabin and a Japanese cabin-boy who had butchered the captain in cold blood was in irons in a hole beside the mizzen mast with lumber piled all about him. A crew who wanted to lynch the Japs were being closely watched by the mate of the vessel, H. Meyer who has brought the Wood to this port after eight days of black sorrow since the captain's murder.

The story of the Fred J. Wood's passage to this port reads more like a chapter from one of Clark Russell's stories of the days of mutineers than of the voyage of a merchant vessel of the twentieth century.

As soon as the vessel showed up off port a pilot went out to meet her but was told by the mate of the tragedy and left the anchorage without going aboard the vessel. A tug boat learned of the affair after putting out to the schooner and left for Honolulu again.

Dr. Holt of the U. S. Quarantine service visited the vessel and made a thorough examination. The crew told him the awful story. It seems that the Japanese cabin-boy of the ship had a fancied grievance against the Captain and when the latter went forward to visit the galley and learn why the boy had not done certain work which had been ordered, the boy took a butcher knife from under his coat and virtually cut the skipper into pieces. Dr. Holt examined the Captain's body and declared that from the appearance of things Jacobson must have died within a quarter of a minute after the Jap had run the big knife into him. Dr. Holt granted the vessel pratique but turned the papers over to the Customs authorities, who in turn notified the United States Marshal.

The story of the tragedy as told by officers, crew and the Captain's wife when pieced together is as follows:

DETAILS OF THE TRAGEDY.

Captain Jacobson got the Jap cabin-boy in Portland but he did not hitch very well with the cook. For a few days while in Portland the cook and cabin-boy had many rows but finally they came to an agreement and seemed happy enough when leaving Portland. Soon the two Japs commenced to run things to suit themselves.

They refused to do any work that did not please them and the cook told the boy of many things he should not do. Acting on such advice the boy refused to clean the cabin brass oftener than once a week. He refused to clean out the mate's room, also the companion way. The Captain went forward in a mild fashion and told the boy how to do his work but the youngster only sulked. When about seven days' out from port the Captain told the boy of some work he wished done. The boy declared that the cook had told him

he did not have to work so much. The Captain told the boy plainly that he must do as he said and not as the cook wished. To this the young Jap loudly protested. The Captain's wife had used the Jap very kindly but had received only rebuffs. So she had very naturally taken a dislike to him. When the Captain went below after his little passage with the cabin boy, his wife says that she anxiously asked him if he had not been quarrelling with the boy. He had laughingly bantered back a reply of "O, go on, what do you take me for?" Later the Captain had occasion to call the cook into the cabin to give him some instructions and Mrs. Jacobson says the Jap cabin boy followed him in. She says that at the time she had a horrible presentiment that danger to the kindly Captain lurked in the pair. But it passed away, as she says the Captain was so kind and gentle to all that she could not imagine anyone would be guilty of cherishing illwill towards him. Mrs. Jacobson says it was the custom of the Captain to have chocolate brought into him every morning about 6 o'clock and that after the Jap boy had brought this in he was expected to return later and clear it away. It is surmised that on this occasion as on many previous ones, the Jap failed to come back for the dishes and that the Captain went forward to look him up. Mrs. Jacobson says that at about half past eight her eighteen months' old girl awakened with an awful cry as if she had just had a nightmare.

"I thought that Edith's cry," says the widow, "was an omen and while soothing the child I heard loud cries on deck as if some one were shouting that my husband was drowned. I rushed up the companion way, over the lumber, and looked down into the donkey room where all the sailors were piled around something with blood flowing. I saw the Jap under them, but the bleeding form was that of my poor husband."

Here Mrs. Jacobson broke completely down and could not continue the story.

RIPPED UP WITH A KNIFE.

Things were tragic on the lumber deck. When the Captain went back to the galley to look for the boy he found him seated in the cook's galley. Stories differ as to whether the cook was there but it is said he was. The Captain told the boy to go and do his work. Instantly the boy pulled a big butcher knife from under his coat and made a lunge for his commander. Captain Jacobson kept cool and called out "Boy give me that knife." This order was heard by a French sailor, named More, who was in the fore-castle. There is a little panel between the cook's galley and the crew's quarters which is used to pass food through and the Frenchman immediately opened this.

What he saw would make the blood of the strongest of men run cold: He could see all but was unable to get through the panel to assist the Captain. Captain Jacobson had the boy by the shoulders and was asking for the knife. The boy pulled him into the donkey room where the passage way was only two and one-half feet wide and slashed right and left at the powerfully built master. The Captain again got him by the shoulders and quick as lightning the boy bent to his knees and ran his knife right up through the Captain's body. The Captain fell over the Jap. Blood spouted on the little assassin underneath and in a moment the whole ship's crew and Mrs. Jacobson were on the scene.

The Captain was carried up through the lumber pile and laid on deck but nearly all the blood had left his body and he was quite dead.

Then crazy scenes ensued. A sailor saw the knife sticking in the Captain's body. With a wild shout he pulled it out and threw it far out into the sea. The Captain's wife was prostrate over the body. The sailors, who are a very mixed lot of all nationalities, loved the Captain well and appreciated his noble character, so they were soon surging about the Jap murderer and in a moment would have thrown the scoundrel into the sea had not the mate, H. Meyer, a nifty Norwegian, instantly taken command and ordered the Jap put in irons. Heavy leg and wrist irons were secured and with them about his blood-soaked clothing the Jap was dropped into a hole near the mizzen mast about eight feet down in the lumber and about six feet by four in size. The other Jap kept out of sight while the hysterical woman with her own hands bathed the blood from the Captain's body and would have kept working on it for hours had the crew not put her in the cabin.

It was at once decided that the vessel should go to Honolulu. Mrs. Jacobson was in the most trying position in which a woman could be placed but she rallied quickly and straightaway commanded that the Japanese cook



FREDERICK W. JOB.

Former Hawaiian Consul at Chicago, now Chairman of the Illinois Board of Arbitration to whose efforts is due the settlement of the Chicago Strike.

SHOWING BY OAHU TRUSTEES

College Hills Land Before Tax Court.

VALUATION SAID TO BE EXCESSIVE

Some Real Estate Experts Discuss Suburban Property Values.

THE value of suburban property was gone into extensively yesterday afternoon by the Tax Appeal Court in the hearing of the appeal of the trustees of Oahu College on an increase by the assessor from \$65,020 returned, to \$233,138. The College Hills tract of land opened a few years ago by the trustees of Oahu College was returned by them at \$61,000 and increased by Assessor Pratt to \$194,000, which is the total amount asked of would-be purchasers for individual lots.

Percy M. Pond real estate man for Waterhouse & Co. who for a time was the agent of the property was the principal witness called by A. F. Judd who appeared for the trustees. Pond testified that he considered the full cash value of the unsold portions of the College Hills tract to be \$60,000. He based his conclusions on the fact that the unsold lots were the culs; the less desirable pieces. The lots first sold, in his opinion, had been priced at too low a figure, and those left unsold were now held at too high a figure. The prices brought at the auction were remarkably good, owing to the fact that the bidders were persons who had an abode for Oahu College. Among these he mentioned P. C. Jones, H. P. Baldwin, J. B. Atherton, etc., some of whom were now desirous of disposing of the same property. He admitted that the scheduled prices set by the trustees made the total of \$194,000 but said this figure was too high, as it could not be obtained, unless the lots were sold singly. Even taken singly the lots were not worth over \$131,000 and if purchased as a whole, by any syndicate, not one-half of that price could be obtained. Other similar tracts held by syndicates were costing as much as sixteen per cent annually and at the present outlook the College Hills tract would remain unsold for five years or more. Pond said that he personally would not undertake the sale for less than ten per cent, which would leave five per cent for his commission and a similar amount for advertising and other expenses. Taking this into consideration and also the cost of water, taxes, a reasonable profit on the investment, etc., he did not consider the tract taken as a whole to be worth more than half what the trustees had set on it, \$60,000.

On cross-examination Pond said that his wife had purchased a lot a short time ago, at ten cents per foot, but she had to take it because of other investments. The water works upon the land, he said, were not entirely satisfactory and cost the college \$500 per year, but he had allowed \$700 per acre for it, without the water the land could not be used as residence lots. Speaking of other tracts of land the witness said that the Hawaiian Board had been offered a tract of land of 24½ acres at the crest of Waiatae Ridge Kaimuki for \$20,000 by the Gear-Lansing syndicate but had refused it. This land was square and better located, and there was a guarantee of rapid transit. Besides the Hawaiian Board was very anxious to secure a tract of land but would not pay such an amount.

L. C. Ables who was also called, said that comparing the lots still remaining with those already sold, he did not believe the land in the hands of the trustees was worth twenty-five per cent less. This was the general depreciation all over the city on suburban property, though he did not believe the values of city property, which is scarce and more desirable. To sell the whole tract, he thought would be worth forty per cent, this in addition to the twenty-five per cent deduction already spoken of. The holding of the trustees at \$194,000 he thought was too high, and he did not believe the value a man puts upon his land should be taken for taxation purposes, as it is not the market value.

Ables said he was unable to put a

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